

Search for a DIY star

Two Frome businesses have combined forces to launch a competition to celebrate the skills of local DIY enthusiasts.

Home improvement enthusiasts in the area can test their practical knowledge in a short online quiz and if their scores are high enough, battle it out in a live task to win a £200 of equipment and become Frome's DIYer of the Year.

The competition devised by information website DIY Doctor and sponsored by Catherine Hill's Sergeants Ironmongers has been launched in response to national media stories around a growing shortage of home improvement and handyman skills.

Mike Edwards, founder of *diydoctor.org.uk*, in Mells, said: "The amount spent in the home improvement sector doesn't necessarily support this finding."

DIY enthusiasts can enter by visiting diydoctor.org.uk/diyquiz and answering 15 practical questions; it is open to residents of Frome and those living within a ten-mile radius.

The closing date for entries is May 31.

Three finalists will then be selected to compete in practical, everyday challenges involving painting and carpentry to decide the overall winner.

The finalist event will be held on Saturday, June 4 outside Sergeants Ironmongers on Catherine Hill and judged by the shop's owner Steve Cox and Mike Edwards.